

Local Brevities.

New herds arriving daily. Five large herds arrived to-day.

Sturm is still the captain beer man.

Jewelry stores are on the increase in this city.

The new bakery looms up this week.

Mr. A. E. Webster has sold his stock of dry goods to Charles Rath & Co.

Imported holland gin at Sturm's.

A good printer can have a permanent situation at this office.

New and second hand wagons are for sale cheap at M. Collar's.

Court convenes next Tuesday.

Another refreshing rain visited us this week.

Dan Bowdoin is running a saloon in Ellis. Poor Dan!

Summer goods at actual cost at M. Collar's.

Best brands of rye whiskies at Sturm's.

The 4th of July is drawing near and the Fire Company are preparing for a grand celebration.

Rev. O. W. Wright will preach to-morrow morning and evening at the usual hours.

Milwaukee beer at Sturm's.

Next week the TIMES will contain an interesting article on "how to climb Pikes Peak."

Mr. Polley started for Fort Elliott to-day in charge of Mr. A. J. Anthony's freight train, which is loaded with government freight.

Go to Sturm's and get a bottle of rhine wine.

Fine stock of summer goods at M. Collar's. You can get them at your own prices.

Thirteen car loads of cattle shipped for Kansas City from Dodge City this evening.

Vanee's train started for the front this week loaded with freight for Messrs. Lee & Reynolds.

Dick Bros. Leavenworth and St. Louis beer are the cheapest, but Milwaukee is the best at Sturm's.

Chas. Rath & Co. received a large new safe this week, which will no doubt contain many bundles of greenbacks during the summer.

A new restaurant has been opened in the old court house building west of the TIMES office. Another indication that business is increasing.

The docket for this term of the District Court is not as large as usual, and Judge Peters will probably dispose of it in three or four days.

Call at the TIMES office and see the beautiful mineral specimens brought from the Colorado mines.

Lieut. Wenie's company, of the 19th Infantry, started for Fort Elliott this week. Three other companies of the 19th were with them.

Mr. Goodrich, who has a ranch on the Canadian, in Texas, is on his way to Dodge City with 800 fine bees. They will be shipped over the A. T. & S. F.

Frank Gray advertises his house in Ellis for sale. It is a fine two-story building, built on the strength of the cattle trade. Alas!

The Ellis people now say they only expect about 30,000 cattle, and half that number have not arrived yet. How does this compare with Dodge? Just about ten to one.

Mr. John Mueller, the champion boot and shoe maker, is turning a part of his attention to cattle. He purchased 165 head the first of the week and expects to buy another lot soon.

We learn that Messrs. Baddecke & Kaufholtz have purchased a large herd of cattle from Messrs. Ellison & Doweas, and are now engaged in branding preparatory to removing them to their stock ranch on Buckner.

Sewing Machine For Sale.

The improved Wheeler & Wilson in good condition for \$25. Apply at this office.

Judge Beverly was too busy waiting upon his many customers to-day for any "outside talk," and we were therefore unable to get a complete list of the herds arriving this week.

F. W. Gunther and Billy Patterson returned yesterday from the City of Dodge, where they were taken in and treated in a hostile way by the boys who knew them. They speak in high terms of the Dodgers. —Ellis County Star.

This morning's eastern dailies mentions among the star members of the class of '77, of the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., Dodge, of Kansas. Kansas can congratulate herself as having had a representative who was one of five to take the honors of his class.

Just the Thing.

If you wish to get a good view of the cattle on a thousand hills in this vicinity, procure one of those beautiful and symmetrical new spring wagons of M. Collar. They are just the thing to drive over the prairie with.

As the train came down from the west last evening its progress was somewhat retarded by the numerous herds of cattle grazing near the track. At one time, while a bunch of frightened steers were attempting to cross in front of the engine, two of them fell into the trestle-work of a bridge and had to be dragged out by the horns before the train could proceed.

As a specimen of what the uplands of Ford county will produce in the way of small grain we can "point with pride" to the wheat crop now growing on the Times Boot Hill farm, adjoining the city. Col. John W. Straughn, who presides over this farm, takes great pleasure in showing his visitors the wonders of the soil.

We have information, says the Trinidad enterprise and Chronicle, that last week a party of three Mexicans, who have been herding sheep down near the old Mexico line, were coming north traveling with burros, when between La Junta and Palo Blanco, were killed, under the following circumstances: They had run out of provisions and were unable to obtain anything to eat. In this extremity they were driven to kill a steer, and while dressing it a party of herders rode up and shot them down without ceremony. The names of the Mexicans are not known.

Dick Evans, of Dodge City was in town last week. He has numerous friends in this county who are at all times pleased to see him. —Ellis Co. Star.

A few tramps still on the road.

County Boards in many counties of our State are adopting the offering a bounty on wolf, coyote, wild cat, fox and rabbit scalps.

Returned.

Lloyd Shinn, of the TIMES, and Rev. O. W. Wright, returned from Colorado last evening on the 10 o'clock train. They were absent just one week and during that week traveled over 1600 miles, visiting the three wonders of the great Rocky Mountains: First, The Sangre de Christo Pass, ninety miles south of Pueblo, the highest altitude any train of cars has ever reached, being 9340 feet above the level of the sea. Second, Pikes Peak, the highest habitable point in the world. This ascent to the summit of Pikes Peak was a specialty, as Lloyd Shinn and Mr. Wright were the only members of the excursion party who reached the top and looked down upon the world from the six foot snow bank which surrounded the signal office. Third, the Clear Creek Canon, perhaps the greatest curiosity of its kind in the world. The railroad runs up this canon to Black Hawk, where the gold mines are being worked, and extensive quartz mills are in operation.

These interesting scenes will be described at length in the next issue of the TIMES, and particularly the visit to Pikes "Peak." Every visitor to the Rocky Mountains should take this route, and we hope to give a description that will be interesting to every one, and useful to the tourist who anticipates a visit to the Rocky Mountains.

Judge Peters will be here next Tuesday.

PERSONAL.

R. W. Evans returned from Hays City last Monday.

Jack Callahan, who has been in New York City for the past two months, returned last month. He leaves for Fort Elliott in a few days.

Col. Gentry went down to Fort Larned last evening.

Judge Joseph M. Carey, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, arrived last evening. He is here for the purpose of buying cattle.

George Oaks was in Pueblo yesterday. He is preparing to start to the mining regions of southwestern Colorado where he will spend the summer.

Mr. J. McColister and Mr. John Wilkins, of Offerle, favored us with a call this afternoon.

Lieut. T. M. Wenie, of the 19th infantry, will be in town for a few days. His command has been ordered to Ft. Elliott.

Mr. Abner Offerle and Mr. Charles Alexander, of Offerle, accompanied by Mr. P. L. Beatty, called on the TIMES to-day.

Emblems of Justice.

Judge Marshall, our new Justice of the Peace, had the insignia of his office arrayed in gorgeous style on Monday morning last. The Scales of Justice were particularly imposing, being suspended from a huge wooden beam by wrought iron bars fully capable of sustaining the heavy chunks of Justice which the immense wooden shovel labeled "Justice Dealer" was able to scoop up. In one of the broad wooden scales was a large dollar mark, while in the other "Justice" was vainly endeavoring to pull its end of the beam down level, but it was no use, the dollar mark had fully forty-five degrees the best of it.

Major Lewis was one of the first to discover the suggestive emblems, and he at once realized that he was no longer the one to carry the keys of the city. So he selected a few representative men, and waited upon Judge Marshall and humbly tendered to him the keys, acknowledging that such strong emblems of power entitled him to sovereign authority over the city.

The Indians still make it interesting in the neighborhood of Deadwood by occasional dashes for stock and scalps.

Mr. Sam White has purchased an interest in the photograph gallery here.

NEW BAKERY!

I have just opened out a new and first class

Bakery in Dodge City!

And hope by fair dealing to gain the public patronage.

Keep on hand at all times.

FRESH BREAD,

PIES, CAKES, &c.

An in fact I keep everything in my line of business.

ORDERS FOR WEDDINGS, PARTIES, DANCER, &c.

A specialty, and satisfaction guaranteed.

My goods can also be found at Hadder & Draper's and J. Collar's.

CITY AND COUNTY.

A Few Items For Our Friends in the East to Read.

There are but few claims taken in the vicinity of Dodge City. The land is good, and we want the county settled with industrious farmers and stock raisers. Heretofore the business men have depended upon the Texas cattle trade for support, and have not tried to induce immigration. The railroad company has been anxious to settle the country and sell its lands east of us before putting this land into market. For these reasons no attention has been paid to settling the country.

Dodge City is one of the most promising towns in Kansas, and the land and farms in its vicinity will rapidly increase in value.

The substantial bridge across the Arkansas river, just south of the city, was built by a private corporation, and at no expense to the taxpayers.

This is the only organized county on the line of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Road where government land can be obtained within one and two miles of the county seat.

A large tract of Osage Indian land lays in this vicinity, which is subject to entry at the exceedingly low price of \$1.25 per acre, one half the price of government land.

There are thirteen counties attached to Ford for judicial purposes. It is safe to say that those counties will not be organized for many years. This leaves a vast and unlimited range for those desiring to procure good and lasting locations for stock ranches. Foremost of the counties thus attached are Clark, Mead, Arapahoe, Foote, Stevens, Seward, Kansas and Stanton, all well watered by clear, running streams, which furnish an abundance of water at all seasons of the year. Timber, sufficient for fuel, can also be found on these streams.

The altitude and dryness of the atmosphere, the comparative exemption from winter rains, the boundless range, the luxuriant grasses, and the various conveniences for shelter, make these counties much sought after for winter as well as summer range.

The fertility of the soil cannot be surpassed, consisting, in a large proportion, of thoroughly drained valley lands, producing bountiful crops of all the grains, fruits and vegetables of the temperate zone.

In addition to this there is a system of sub-irrigation. The freshets of June and July, which usually last until the middle of August, supply the soil with moisture sufficient to raise a good crop, even in a drouthy season. The banks of the Arkansas river seldom average more than six feet above the river bed, yet, on account of its great width, the bottoms are never overflowed. The topography of the country is generally level. Bottom lands, 20 per cent; up land, 80 per cent. Forest, 3 per cent; prairie, 95 per cent.

The average width of the Arkansas valley in this county is from 10 to 15 miles.

The county is well supplied with springs, and water can be obtained almost any place by digging from ten to thirty feet.

The principal stream is the Arkansas river, which runs, in a winding course, through the entire county, from the west to the east line.

Fort Dodge, one of the most beautifully located military posts in the United States, is situated five miles east of Dodge City, on the Arkansas river. Scarcely any of the land in the vicinity of the Fort is taken.

The county is not burdened with bonded indebtedness; its only debt is \$8,000, incurred in building the substantial brick court house, which is now almost completed, the brick having been burned in this county.

Taxes are light. Partly owing to the good financial condition of the county, but more directly owing to the fact that the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Company pay the taxes on their road-bed and lands promptly every year, bringing many thousand dollars into the treasury.

A good quality of lime stone is found in the vicinity of Fort Dodge.

The Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe Railroad are selling excursion tickets at very low rates, and now is the time to visit us.

Dodge City is an organized city, with a Mayor and Council, composed of the best citizens, who are doing everything in their power to promote the moral and financial interests of the city and its society. The heretofore rough name that the city has borne abroad has prejudiced many against the locality. The rough days of Dodge City are now things of the past, and the last year has been one of peace and prosperity. Churches and school houses have been built, societies formed and the city now has the aspect of a flourishing young commercial metropolis, with from four to six hundred inhabitants. Nearly every branch of business is represented, and several of the principal merchants are doing considerable wholesale business. As this city, from its location, commands the trade of a vast amount of partially settled territory, we can safely predict for its future prosperity. A large number of substantial residences have been erected during the past year, principally by the business men, who have faith in the prospect ahead for the city.